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*Tentative Agenda
Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall*

Monday, January 9, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Previous Appeals

Appeals

Old Business

New Business

Chairman's Report

Manager's Report

Police Report

Building Permits/Code Enforcement

Mark Your Calendar

Week of January 2: Winter Session Begins for Classes

January 29: Child Care/Babysitting Course

See the Enclosed Flyer

Pet ID Program Enrollment Form

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Brookville Road Working Group Gets Briefings from Surveyors, Legal Counsel and Historic Preservation Commission Staff

At the Working Group's meeting on Tuesday, December 13, representatives from the engineering firm Rummel, Klepper & Kahl (RK&K) discussed their firm's experience in documenting private property boundaries using individual deeds in support of State Highway Administration (SHA) road and right-of-way projects. Discussion occurred on retaining a firm such as RK&K to survey the existing conditions and possibly provide design assistance once the corridor's true physical constraints are defined.

Village Legal Counsel, David Podolsky was also present and

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Annual Village Holiday Party a Success

A large crowd of Village residents attended the Annual Holiday Party held on December 14th. For the second year in a row, adored caterer, Judy Freider Starrels, provided a delicious buffet dinner with a separate menu for children. In addition to a wonderful meal, there were visits by the Christmas Fairy, a.k.a. Miss Paula, and Santa. The children had their own room again in which to play, decorate keepsake boxes and make frames for their pictures with Santa Claus. Special thanks are extended to volunteers Anna and Ian Kamerow who assisted with the crafts table and were extremely helpful with the young children.

For a new treat this year, guests were greeted as they arrived by "a cappella" singers including Village resident David Glass, Brad Spencer, Jim Cohen and Jeff Skeer of the Washington Men's Camerata. The group then circulated the Village Hall singing traditional holiday selections for all to enjoy.

This annual gathering has evolved into a much anticipated festive event for the entire family. Popularity among adults has blossomed in recent years, and this year there was an increase in the youth attendance. While difficult to attribute the Holiday Party's surge in popularity to any one source, it is reasonable to credit the many Village residents who have contributed their energies to build, enhance and preserve the sense of community which the Village residents have come to cherish.

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Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers' Meeting, 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall
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In The Village

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Among those who have not sought, but certainly deserve thanks for helping with this year's event and the increasing attendance, are Judy Elliott and the Garden Club of Chevy Chase for the seasonal decorations, with special thanks to Elayne Bennett who contributed both personal and staff resources to the undertaking and who crafted the gorgeous topiaries which adorned the tables. Compliments also go to Mary Anne Tuohy whose long devotion to the Village Hall's rejuvenation as a central community resource bears fruit with every event--large or small--held there.

Special thanks goes to Doris Lyrly who organized this year's event, arranged for additional activities for the children and did a great deal of the actual set-up with the assistance of Public Works.

We look forward to seeing even more residents at next year's party!

Committee on Children, Youth and Families

In the month of December, the Committee held a Holiday Toy Drive and made sandwiches to benefit Martha's Table. As always, Village residents stepped up to the plate and responded with about 10-15 families in attendance. Children that attended ranged in age from 4-17. Everyone was extremely helpful and the effort was huge—close to 1500 sandwiches were delivered to Martha's Table that afternoon along with the toys. The response was so great that organizers had to go out to retrieve more supplies! A special thank you to event organizers, Ilene Weinreich and Louise Micallef, and to Pam Murphy who helped buy the meat and cheese.

You asked for it and you got it! In a direct response to feedback from the Committee's activity questionnaire, **A Child Care and Babysitting Safety Course for kids and teens ages 12 – 16** will be held in the Village Hall on Sunday, January 29 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., and instructed by Archana Trivedi who teaches this course regularly for Children's Hospital. Babysitting is not just about watching children, but being responsible for their safety and well-being, as well as your own! The course includes water and fire safety, how to avoid dangerous situations, what to do in an emergency, and much more! The fee for the course is \$35 which includes lunch. Please call the

Village office to sign-up as space is limited.

The Committee is still seeking additional feedback from the activity questionnaire which is available on the Village website and in the Village office. If you are interested in volunteering for future CYF events, or to be included in emails from the Committee, please email either Amy at acbelle@aol.com or Karen at karenspan-gler@comcast.net.

REMINDERS

- Notify the Village office at (301) 654-7300 if you have a medical requirement for emergency services so we may alert utility companies working in the Village.
- Some residents have been solicited to have house numbers painted on the curb in front of their property. This is prohibited by Section 12-5 of the Village Code. Contractors painting on the Village curbs will be issued a municipal citation by the Village Police.
- Pursuant to Village Code Section 8-10, dumpster use requires a permit. Please remind your contractor that a permit must be received from the Village Office prior to placing a dumpster on private property. Dumpsters are prohibited on public property, including Village streets at ALL times. Dumpster switch-outs are prohibited in the Village's public right-of-way, including roadways.
- Contact the Village office at prior to removing trees on private property or beginning any home improvement projects to discuss Village permit requirements.
- Grey recycle bin lids are available from the Communications Center. Please make sure your recycle bins are placed in an easily accessible location. If recycling haulers cannot find the bins, collection of recyclables may be hampered.
- Free "No Solicitors" stickers are available in the Village Office for residents wishing to put them in a window near the front door to their home. The sticker is in addition to the list maintained by Communications.
- Residents are encouraged to use the Community Bulletin Board, located just inside the entrance to the Village Hall, for notices or advertisements. Postings must be reviewed and approved by Village staff prior to posting.
- Please remind your landscaping and home improvement contractors that work is not permitted prior to 8:00 a.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. on weekends, nor after 9:00 p.m.

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reported on his progress in determining if documentation exists which defines the Brookville Road right-of-way more precisely than SHA's current assertion that the roadway existence is by prescriptive easement and defined arbitrarily by a certain swath fifteen feet on either side of the pavement's centerline. His research continues, but so far has turned up documents dating to the mid-1800's when the road was known as the Brookeville-Tenallytown Road.

Developing design recommendations that are compatible with the historic nature of the roadway and the surrounding community are key objectives in the Group's work. Michelle Oaks, senior planner for the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), discussed the review procedure SHA must accommodate in right-of-way changes that may impact historic resources. There may be ways in which the HPC and/or Maryland Historic Trust may be of assistance in securing SHA funding support for modifications that may be proposed.

The Working Group's next meeting is scheduled for

Tuesday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall. A report of the Group's December 13 meeting and discussion of possible survey work will occur at the January 9 regular meeting of the Board of Managers.

2006 Chevy Chase Village Resident Directory

Residents will soon receive a form to complete with new/additional information to be included in the annual Resident Directory Update. Please return the form to the Village office upon receipt.

The complete Resident Directory is now available on the Village website where information can be updated as well. Contact the Village Communications Center for your Log-In ID and password today.

Appeal Deadline

The appeal deadline for the February 13, 2006 Board of Managers meeting is close of business on Monday, January 30, 2006.

Crier Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for the February 2006 issue of the *Crier* is close of business on Monday, January 30, 2006.

To all Chevy Chase Village Residents,
we send you our sincerest thanks
for your contributions
to the Employees' Holiday Fund

Handwritten signatures and names surrounding the central text include: Marybeth Henschel-Curtis, William E. Henschel, Jerry Jones, Bruce Jessford, William Abernethy, Clarence Fitch, Doris Lytle, Roy Fitch, Jill Winter, Ben. Reiter, 2005, Janet Fitch, Edgar Vallejo, John Hufferd, Ernst N. Hufferd, Ben. Reiter, Ben. Tiongan, Eric Tiedemann, Keith Hufferd, and others.

In The Village

Board Actions - December 12, 2005 Board of Managers' Meeting

Minutes: November 14, 2005 Meeting: Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Distributed prior to meeting.

Committee Reports: Building Facilities Commission—Commission Chair, Mary Anne Tuohey, advised the Board of the recent and proposed activities of her Commission and the Committee on Children, Youth and Families.

Appeals: A-1530, 130 Hesketh St.—Removal of one Loblolly tree measuring 20.0-inches in diameter located in the rear yard of the property: Withdrawn pending submission by applicant of additional information regarding a proposed deck to be located in the rear yard. A-5028, 15 W. Lenox St.—Replace and widen the existing asphalt driveway with a paver driveway on private property and in the public right-of-way, and replace and widen the apron entrance to the curbside: Approved with a modification—the apron entrance to the curbside may not exceed twenty-feet (20') in width. A-5030, 4115 Oliver St.—Maintain a stone wall measuring four-feet (4') in height located in the Oliver Street public right-of-way: Withdrawn.

Old Business: Connecticut Avenue Engineering Proposal—The Board authorized the Village Manager to enter into a contract with Richter and Associates for engineering work along Connecticut Avenue for undergrounding all utility and communications lines and power poles along the roadway. **Resolution No. 12-01-05—An Ordinance to amend Chapter 3 of the Chevy Chase Village Code, entitled "Personnel", to amend the commencing and ending days of work periods--** Approved. **Resolution No. 12-02-05—An Ordinance to amend Section 17-7 of the Village Code to prohibit the pruning of any tree in the public right-of-**

way without a permit from the Village Manager:

Deferred to the January 9, 2005 Board Meeting pending modified language. **Resolution No. 12-03-05—An Ordinance to amend Section 3-7 of the Village Personnel Code to increase the maximum purchase that can be accomplished by the Village Manager without the prior approval of the Board of Managers to \$5,000.00 to be consistent with the provisions of the Village Procurement and Disposition Code:** Approved. **Resolution No. 12-04-05—An Ordinance to amend the Village Procurement Code to permit the Village Manager to process procurements of up to \$5,000.00 without prior Board approval; to increase to \$5,000.00 the amount over which a formal two-party contract is required, to increase to \$5,000.00 the amount over which competitive sealed bidding is the preferred method of procurement; and to authorize open market purchases and sales up to \$5,000.00:** Approved. **Resolution No. 12-05-05—An Ordinance to amend the Village Code to uniformly apply initial capital format to all references to:**

Chevy Chase Village, Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers, Board of Managers, Board, Chevy Chase Village Code, Village Code, Village Manager, Montgomery County, Montgomery County Council, Montgomery County Code, County Code, Maryland, State of Maryland, Maryland State, Maryland General Assembly and Annotated Code of Maryland: Approved.

New Business: Redevelopment plan for the "Old Administrative" Area—The Board approved the submitted plan (copies of which are available for review in the Village office).

Police Report: Distributed prior to the meeting.

FORM 502 MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN

OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING

2005, ENDING

SOCIAL SECURITY #		SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY #	
Your First Name	Initial	Last Name	
Spouse's First Name	Initial	Last Name	
PRESENT ADDRESS (No. and street)			
City or Town	State	Zip Code	
Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you were a resident on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6)	Maryland county	City, town or taxing area Chevy Chase Village	

Tax Return Reminder

When preparing your State of Maryland tax return for 2005, please remember to enter **Chevy Chase Village** in the proper block of **Form 502/503** as shown here.



Police Beat—Chevy Chase Village

To e-mail Police Chief Roy Gordon: roy.gordon@montgomerycountymd.gov

Safety at Home

During the winter, which is typically the busiest time of the year for firefighters, home heating systems, heating equipment and associated electrical systems continue to be a significant factor in structural fires in Montgomery County. Many of these fires can be prevented. The following fire safety tips and information can help you maintain a fire safe home and business this winter.

- Be sure your heater is in good working condition. Inspect exhaust parts for carbon build-up. Inspect electrical systems for overloads.
- Never use fuel burning appliances without proper room venting. Burning fuel such as kerosene, coal or propane, for (example) produces deadly fumes.
- Keep young children safely away from space heaters—especially when they are wearing nightgowns or other loose clothing that can be easily ignited. Give space heaters space!
- Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside, away from the house.
- Be sure the stove or fireplace is installed properly. Wood stoves should have adequate clearance (36") from combustible surfaces, and proper floor support and protection.
- Wood stoves should be of good quality, solid construction and design, and should be UL listed.
- Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned if necessary, especially if it has not been used for some time.
- Don't use flammable liquids to start or accelerate a fire.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening, to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out, unwanted material from going in, and help prevent the possibility of burns to occupants. The stove should be burned hot twice a day for 15-30 minutes to reduce the amount of creosote buildup.
- Don't use excessive amounts of paper to build roaring fires in fireplaces. It is possible to ignite creosote in the chimney by overbuilding the fire. Before you go to sleep, be sure your fireplace is out. NEVER close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper will help the fire to heat up again and will force toxic carbon monoxide into the house.
- If synthetic logs are used, follow the directions on the package. Never break a synthetic log apart to quicken the fire or use more than one log at a time. They often burn unevenly, releasing higher levels of carbon monoxide.
- Be sure all furnace controls and emergency shutoffs are in proper working condition. Leave furnace repairs to qualified specialists.
- Inspect the walls and ceiling near the furnace and along the chimney line. If the wall is hot or discolored, additional pipe insulation or clearance may be required.

- Check the flue pipes and pipe seams. Are they well supported: Free of holes, and cracks? Soot along or around seams may be an indicator of a leak.
- Is the chimney solid? No cracks or loose bricks? All unused flue openings should be sealed with solid masonry.
- Keep trash and other combustibles away from the heating system.
- Never use a gas range or an oven as a supplementary heating device. Not only is it a safety hazard, it can be a source of potentially toxic fumes.
- If you use an electric heater, be sure not to overload the circuit. If you must use an extension cord, only use extension cords which have the necessary rating to carry the amp load.
- Avoid using electric space heaters in bathrooms, or other areas where they may come in contact with water.
- Have an escape plan.
- Be sure every level of your home has a working smoke alarm, check and clean it on a monthly basis.
- Montgomery County law requires that all new or replacement house numbers for single family homes be 5 inches tall. The numbers must be on a contrasting background, easily read, and clearly viewed from the street. Make sure all your house numbers are clearly visible at night.

Pet ID Program

In late 2000, the Village Police Department began the Pet ID Program, a photo album consisting of residents' pets and their identifying information, to assist in reuniting pets with their owners. Over the past few weeks, the Village Police Department has turned over three found dogs to the Montgomery County Animal Shelter because they could not be identified.

Enclosed in this issue of the *Crier* is an enrollment form for your pet to be entered into the Program. Please complete the form and attach a photo of your pet. The form should then be returned to the Communications Center. Digital photos can be emailed to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov along with the requested information.

Snow Removal on Sidewalks

Sidewalks must be cleared of excess snow. Residents are responsible for clearing all snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of or abutting their property within the first forty-eight (48) hours after the cessation of falling snow. Residents who occupy corner lots are responsible for the sidewalk in front of and on the side of their property.

Community News



Chevy Chase Community Library January 2006

The Chevy Chase Library is located at 8005 Connecticut Avenue. All programs are free. For further information or for reservations, contact the library at (301) 986-4313.

Great Books Discussion Group: Wednesday, January 11 at 7:30 p.m.: CITIZENS by Schama. Call (240) 773-9590 for more information.

Toddler Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 24, 26, 31: Ages 18-36 months. Each program will be given twice (10:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) on each day and Tuesday's program will be repeated on Thursday. Free tickets are distributed prior to the program.

Born to Read: Saturday, January 28 at 9:30 a.m.: Introduce your child (newborn to 18 months) to the joy of language and books with this program featuring rhymes, songs, bounces, movement and short stories. This program is funded by the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Inc.

Preschool Storytime: Monday, January 30 at 7:30 p.m.: Stories, rhymes and other activities. Come in pajamas, if you like. For ages 3 to 6.

Administrative Office Closings

The Administrative Office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2006 to celebrate the New Year and on Monday, January 16, 2006 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

As always, the Communications Center and Police Department remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

MVA on Wheels



The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's mobile service will be at the Friendship Heights Village Center on Monday, January 30, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In addition to license renewals, motorists may drop off old tags and avail themselves of several other services. For schedule or additional information, visit the MVA website at: www.mva.state.md.us/location/montcty.htm or by phone at 1 (800) 950-1682, ext 2.

Building Facilities Commission

The Building Facilities Commission meets the second Monday of each month, at 9:30 a.m. in the Village Hall. Their next meeting will be held on January 9. All residents are invited to attend.

Toddler Group

The weekly Toddler Group meets on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon. All Village parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding the Toddlers' Group, please contact Elizabeth Bausch at (301) 656-5643.

Latex Paint Disposal

Montgomery County Solid Waste Management no longer allows the collection and disposal of latex paint along with other hazardous waste. This means that the Village Public Works Department is not allowed to collect latex paint.

The only authorized disposal procedure is to remove the tops from latex paint cans and allow the contents to dry. Once completely dried, the tops should be replaced and the cans placed with the regular trash. Any questions regarding this procedure should be directed to the Communications Center. We thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Village Observed Holidays: 2006

The Administrative Offices and Public Works Department will observe the following holidays in 2006:

Martin Luther King's Birthday - Monday, January 16
Presidents' Day - Monday, February 20
Memorial Day - Monday, May 29
Independence Day - Tuesday, July 4
Labor Day - Monday, September 4
Veterans' Day - Friday, November 10
Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 23
Christmas Day - Monday, December 25

The Village Police Department and the Communications Center remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Public Works Department/Trash Schedule

While several Village residents have called to compliment the Unity staff for a job well done, your input is important when we evaluate our contracted services. Please report missed services to the Communications Center at (301) 654-7300. Please leave your gates unlocked so the Unity staff can enter your property to collect your refuse and recycling.

Special pickups are made on Wednesdays. Residents must submit their request either by phone or via the Village website by 2 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure pick up.

Neither **trash** nor **recycling** collection will be affected the week of New Year's, January 2-6. Special pickups will not be affected and will be collected on its regularly scheduled day—Wednesday, January 4.

Neither **trash** nor **recycling** collection will be affected the week of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 16-20. Special pickups will not be affected and will be collected on its regularly scheduled day—Wednesday, January 18.

Winter Class Registration

The winter session will begin the week of January 2, 2006. Class flyers, which includes the schedule and enrollment form, are available in the Village office.

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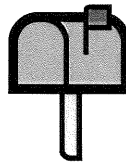
Building Permits Issued by the Village Manager December, 2005

134 Grafton St.....Replace siding w/ brick façade, install faux window
116 E. Melrose St.....Install 6' high fence along rear property line
4029 Oliver St.....Reconfigure rear deck, replace 50% of side deck
3922 Oliver St.....Replace a/c unit, fence along east property line
22 Grafton St.....Install drain pipe from rear of house to storm drain

Cardboard Box Collection

It has been brought to our attention that the recycling crews have refused to take flattened cardboard boxes over a certain size and quantity. Flattened boxes that are approximately under the size of a 13" television set, should be placed with your paper recycling. Five or more flattened boxes should be bundled when left for recycling. If they are not collected, please notify the Communications Center immediately.

If you have a large amount or large-sized boxes, please request a Special Pick Up (SPU, see article in opposite column) to ensure collection. Cardboard boxes collected by SPU, are placed in the paper compactor located in the Public Works Yard and are recycled.



If you were out of town during the holidays, please remember to visit the Communications Center to collect your mail and packages.

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